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WEDNESDAY
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Mr. Nordness, [redacted] Executive Director of the USIA and apparently in charge of its foreign affairs, came to see me this morning with Mr. Swim. The latter is about to go out to join Bill Donovan in Thailand.

Nordness has arranged to put a regional information specialist in John Hughes' office. Included in his duties will be to afford such help and assistance as may seem advisable to the European integration movements. I told him as far as my mission was concerned I had no objection to this. I had previously discussed the matter with Ed Martin. However, I expressed my personal opinion that American propaganda in this regard would not be influential in determining the direction in which parliamentary votes for ratification of EDC would be cast.

I had a hair cut at the Crillon and lunch with Harold Linder at La Tante Louise on Rue Boissy d'Anglas. Harold is about to rent an apartment from Lady Kelmsley on Avenue Gabriel and will be here until next summer with his wife and two daughters.

I went up to have an x-ray taken of my ribs, which I banged about a month or so ago while trying to fix a chandelier at Versailles. I fell off the chair and one of them has been [redacted] sore ever since.

I had a letter from an American painter named Lichtenberg asking me to attend his show of paintings recently done in the Balearic Islands. I stopped there on my way to the office and was moderately pleased with them.

Mr. Bombassei came to see me and read to me Magistrati's report to Prime Minister Pella of what had taken place [redacted] so far at ~~the Rome Conference. Afterwards~~ I had a telephone message from Stan Cleveland, who is in Rome, on the same subject. They have apparently reached no agreement on the ~~supranational features~~ of the Executive Authority nor have they been able to stir the Dutch from their almost isolated

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position of insisting on an economic free trade area.

Tonight the Grahams and ourselves went to a large dinner at the Hughes's. They have rented the Sherrill house on Rue de Courcelles which Marie and Averell occupied for a considerable period. It is a beautiful place, and was once the home of the famous Princess Mathilde. Amongst the guests were Eve Curie, the Alphands, Colette de la Tournelle, Yvonne de Rose, the Weickers, Mildred Bliss, and some English and Danes. We had a good time.

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